

You're welcome – any time!

We're excited to see what this next term holds for us and would like to remind everyone that Mrs Tunnicliffe has an open-door policy, so if you'd like to talk to her about anything, then please get in touch with school reception to book an appointment.

We also have an open-door policy for future students. Contact us on 01522 881010 or email enquiries@nkacademy.co.uk to arrange a visit and to tour our facilities.



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Spring Newsletter

Exam season is here



Exam season has arrived, something our Year 11 and Year 13 students have been preparing for not only all year but all of their school lives. They are ready to enter the exam halls and show the world what they can do! They continue to work hard and take on board the advice that their teachers offer.

The response to our Easter revision and intervention plan was fantastic. It was immensely popular and the students were very grateful for the space, the quiet, the focus and the resources and advice on offer. They were encouraged to take time out of studying too and were supported to create a healthy balance between work and relaxation.

Thank you to all parents, students and staff who responded to the questionnaires that we sent out before Easter. This gave us some really useful insights into what each group thought of the college system and some ideas on enhancing our rewards systems.

We have decided to move to a year group-based system for our academy. In this way

we will have clear communication systems for students, parents and staff and clear systems in place to be able to deal with issues, remove barriers to learning for students, and ensure that all students are able to achieve their best personally and academically.

We don't want to lose the best aspects of the college system though, so we will convert these to a house system through which we will have competitions, continue our charity work and create support networks for students. During terms 5 and 6 we will be planning and communicating developments with you.

Term 6 will be exhilarating: we will be hosting Year 5 students from six primary schools for a multi-agency day, and we will then welcome our new Year 7 students to help them settle quickly in September.

Meanwhile Year 9 will be experiencing a day with their choices for September and Year 10 will be going out on work experience.

We wish all our Year 11 and Year 13 students taking exams the very best of luck!

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World Book Day

World Book Day is a celebration of all the wonderful books in the world! It is also a charitable organisation which aims to give every child and young person a book of their own.

“If you’re going to get anywhere in life, you have to read a lot of books!”

Roald Dahl

Empowering and supporting self-improvement is at the heart of our entire approach to learning here at NK Academy. We encourage all students to read because reading is a journey to another place. It’s a way to relax and focus on something else, whether it’s fiction or factual text. Reading takes you to another world and place in time.

In the grand NK tradition of bigger is better, this year, our World Book Day became a World Book Month, and included a book review competition for all students in all tutor groups with Amazon vouchers as prizes, a short story writing challenge which will result in an e-book published on Amazon, a hit squad of sixth-form storytellers ‘storybombing’ classrooms and a veritable cornucopia of bibliophilic amazement.

We had a great time and we’re looking forward to next year already!

The Hive

We recently received funding from the MOD Education Support Fund to help establish a new initiative to provide additional emotional support for students whose parents and family members are serving military personnel.

Part of the funding is being used to develop a room specifically for them to use. The aim is for them to have a space which provides somewhere they can meet away from the hustle and bustle of school life. When finished, the space will boast unrestricted Wi-Fi access so that students can contact their parents and family members who may be away in different time zones, to update them on school and home life.

The development of the room has been driven by sixth-form students Jasmin Hurk, Chloe Remmer and Ellie Morgan – thank you ladies!



Sea of Blue for Sophie's Journey

Students and staff from North Kesteven Academy created a sea of blue around the school on Friday 15th February in memory of Sophie Robinson.

Sophie passed away in 2016, aged 12, after battling medulloblastoma – a cancerous tumour in her brain. Students and staff all wore blue, Sophie's favourite colour, and students held a bake sale, which helped raise a total of £715.66 for Sophie's Journey – the charity set up in memory of her.

Olympic Medallist Inspires Students

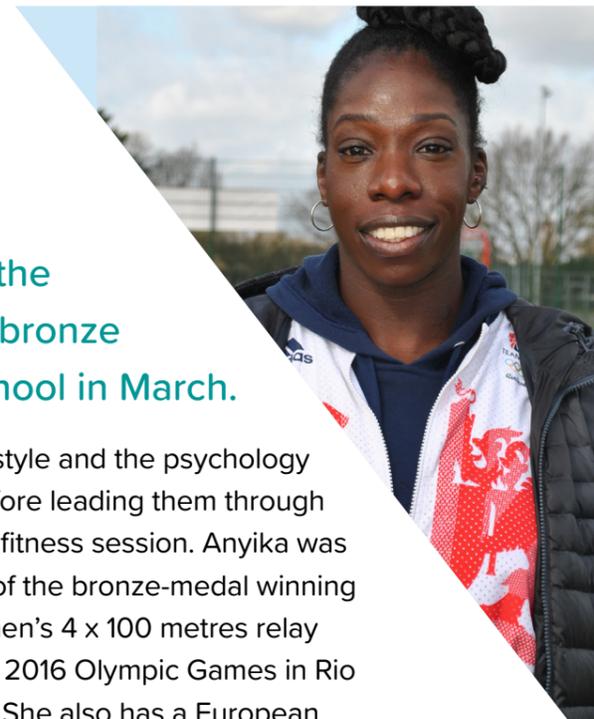
Our Year 10 students got to hear about life in the fast lane when Team GB's 400m sprinter and bronze medallist Anyika Onuora paid a visit to the school in March.

The 34-year-old British sprint track and field athlete from Liverpool visited the school as part of an initiative to get more students inspired to achieve their full potential through sport.

The 'Giving Back' programme is an initiative run by Inspired Through Sport – one of the leading supporters of British athletes in the UK.

Anyika delivered an inspiring talk to over 150 year 10 students about the importance of a

healthy lifestyle and the psychology of sport before leading them through an outdoor fitness session. Anyika was a member of the bronze-medal winning British women's 4 x 100 metres relay team at the 2016 Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro. She also has a European gold and World Championship bronze medal to her name.



We've earned our stripes!

NK Academy recently received a signed football shirt to acknowledge its partnership with Lincoln City FC's Sport and Education Trust BTEC Scholarship team.

The BTEC programme which was set up in September 2017 with NK Academy as the Education Partner, means that students can take part in learning at the Academy in tandem with their BTEC Sports Scholarship programme at Sincil Bank.

Think Excellence



At North Kesteven Academy we encourage high ambition in a supportive and stimulating environment. By celebrating individuals' achievements, we enable everyone to be happy, responsible, respectful, creative and confident.

Mission

Our mission is to instil a passion for lifelong learning and the courage to learn from mistakes.

To develop students who are ambassadors for the academy, positive role models in the community and who are high achievers progressing to the best universities and jobs.

To have staff for whom we are the employer of choice, providing a fulfilling place in which to work and an environment where their contribution is valued, and their professional development is encouraged.

To have parents/carers who know that North Kesteven Academy cares about the education and the individual needs of their children, and for whom the academy is the first choice to entrust the education of their children, working in partnership with the academy, to ensure their child fulfils their potential.

To contribute to a community for whom we are a partner of choice to improve experiences and outcomes for our students.

NK Cares



Community

A photograph showing a group of young women in school uniforms talking and smiling outdoors.

Aspiration

A photograph of a young boy in a school uniform talking to a woman, possibly a teacher, who is pointing at something off-camera.

Respect

A photograph of a young boy in a school uniform blowing into a blue balloon.

Endeavour

A photograph of a student pointing at a computer screen displaying a presentation slide titled 'Operating Model' with various icons and text.

Safe

A photograph of four young people in school uniforms standing together outdoors, smiling and talking.



Our Sixth Form

Making the right choices in Year 11 will ensure opportunity and possibility in the future whatever pathway you eventually choose. Every student now needs to stay in education or training until they are 18 and we would encourage you to see Sixth Form as your natural next step.

Life in the sixth form is full. You will be productive in your studies, engaged in enrichment activities, organising projects and attending events and focussed on making plans for the future. Here at NK we want to support you in all of these endeavours and have founded our sixth form on these principles. We feel that the knowledge, skills and personal qualities that you gain from being a sixth former will set you up for the next stages in your life and the sixth form team work very hard to ensure that that is tailored to your individual needs as much as possible.



Exam Focus... it's that time of year!

By tackling stress, we can go a long way towards tackling mental health problems such as anxiety and depression.

As an academy with over 1200 students, some of whom are embarking on a particularly stressful time in their lives (exams), we'd like to take a look at some of the wellbeing support that the academy has to offer its students.

The academy believes in 'excellence for all' and offers all young people, no matter what their background, their age or ability, the same chance at life – to be the very best version of themselves. And we couldn't agree more.

We have a range of facilities available to students at the academy to assist with both their physical and mental needs. It is the school's belief that education is all about balance; to have a healthy body and a healthy mind. We're very keen to ensure our students make the most of the arts and sports facilities available; this encourages healthy and happy students, takes their mind off studying, and allows them to showcase their talents, socialise... and have a laugh!

If you would like further information on any aspect of sixth form life please contact any of the following staff:
Ms R Yarsley - *Head of Sixth Form*, Ms R Barber- *Sixth Form Achievement Lead* or Mrs T Scattergood - *Sixth Form Administrator*.

We can't wait to welcome you!

